

Executive Summary

Coleman Professional Services is applying for a permanent supportive housing grant to support the services, operations and administration of Beacon House in Steubenville, Ohio. Beacon House is a Safe Haven and has been in operation since 2006. The primary population to be served is chronically homeless adult men and women who have a severe and persistent mental health disorder. Beacon House has ten (10) one bedroom apartments that are furnished. At capacity, Beacon House can serve ten (10) persons. Each tenant has their own unit but has access to the common areas as well. The tenants provide their own meals and have access to laundry facilities on site. There are also common areas for meals and living space. Residential staff are available 24 hours, 7 days per week.

Persons are referred most often to Beacon House through the local homeless shelter, police departments, and the local emergency room. However, since many clients come to the Beacon House on their own for housing assistance, the program can be accessed through a centralized intake. This is an on-site assessment that is completed with the Outreach staff person.

Beacon House has always utilized a Housing First approach. Since Beacon House is a Safe Haven, residents enter in order to eliminate their homeless situation. The staff then work with the resident to determine their service needs and how best to design the delivery of those services. An array of services are offered to each resident that may include: psychiatry, counseling, case management, crisis intervention, peer support, employment, transportation assistance, social/recreation and substance abuse services. Residents can determine their level of participation in any or all of these services. Beacon House also has a Drop Inn Center that serves as a gathering place for outreach and engagement of other homeless persons from the community.

Beacon House anticipates to serve 15 persons/households in a twelve (12) month period of time. The average length of stay will be nine (9) months and 90% of the persons exiting will go to permanent housing destinations.